

TYPES OF EMERGENCY EXERCISES AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

Orientation:

Informal, No simulation, Discussion of roles & responsibilities, and an Introduction of policies, procedures, and plans.

Drill:

Single emergency response function, Single agency involvement, and Often a field component.

Tabletop Exercise:

Informal discussion of simulated emergency, No time pressures, Low stress, and is Useful for evaluating plans & procedures in addition to Resolving questions of coordination and responsibility.

Functional Exercise:

Practice the emergency response, This exercise is stressful and has realistic simulation, Takes place in real time, Emphasizes emergency functions and Emergency Operations Center is activated.

Full-Scale Exercise:

Takes place in real time, Employs real people and equipment, Coordinates many agencies, Tests several emergency functions, Emergency Operations Center is activated, Produces high stress and is expensive.

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WHY YOU SHOULD EXERCISE YOUR DAM'S

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TOP 10 REASONS

WHY YOU SHOULD EXERCISE YOUR DAM'S EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (E.A.P.)

1. Get to know your Community Emergency Response Team
2. No stress learning event
3. Free food and door prizes!!
4. Reality check of working plan...
5. Help identify Emergency resources
6. Practice for the real thing and increase readiness
7. Clarify roles & responsibilities
8. Verifying components of plan for accuracy
9. Great reason to skip a couple hours of work!
10. Demonstrates responsibility of community



EXERCISE PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

The **PURPOSE & GOALS** to a typical exercise is as important as the exercise itself.

The **Purpose** is to verify that the dam's Emergency Action Plan is workable and can be executed smoothly.

The **Goals** are:

- To Assess the plans usefulness; to be used as a tool by participants in evaluation of the situation and to decide if or when activation of the plan is necessary.
- To assess notification procedure for both transfer of information when notification flow-charts are used, as well as for warning or evacuation of residents within the possible inundation area.
- To assess the usefulness of the plan to identify resources needed to manage and recover from the situation.

DNRC WILL PROVIDE:

- Exercise Design
- Coordination with Participants
- Doughnuts
- Challenging Messages
- **Lunch**
- Exercise Review
- Input for Editing your Emergency Action Plan

HERES WHAT SOME PEOPLE AROUND MONTANA THOUGHT ABOUT THE EXERCISE:

*"Good food,
Good exercise,
Good fun."*

"The Exercise flowed well and we kept on track with time and agenda."

"Informative and fun. Enjoyed meeting all the people!"

"The program was well prepared and effective in evaluating our action plan."

"Good community participation!"



"Good exchange of information between the participants - Kept the exercise going."

People To Invite To Your EAP Exercise:

- Owner & Operator of Dam
- Irrigation Districts
- Elected Officials
- County Sheriff,
- City Police, Fire, Public Works
- Emergency Medical
- Search & Rescue
- Red Cross, CAP, Other Volunteers
- National Weather Service
- State Disaster & Emergency Service
- National Forest Service
- DNRC Dam Safety
- Your Engineer (May cost \$\$)
- Other Observers



Flower Creek Dam Exercise